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REPORTTOPIC Brandis AirfieldEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     

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1. The following observations were made at Brandis airfield between 19 September and 1 October 1953:

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19 and 20 September. No air activity was observed. There was a closed ceiling and poor visibility.

21 September. Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., flying was practiced by Il-10s. At 12:50 p.m., an Il-10 towing a sleeve target was observed.

22 September. No flights were made. There was an overcast of about 3/10 and good visibility.

23 September. Night flying was practiced by Il-10s between 7:30 p.m. and about midnight. Regularly, two aircraft took off and made local flights of 5 to 6 minutes duration.

25 September. Formation flying was practiced between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There was a closed ceiling.

26 September. At 10:30 a.m., three Po-2s were observed aloft.

28 September. Three Po-2s were observed over the field around noon.

29 September. No air activity was observed.

30 September. A Li-2 crossed over the field at about 2:15 p.m.

1 October.                      formation flights were made by Il-10s. At the same time, there was intensive air activity by swept-back jet fighters at high altitudes.

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2. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 27 September and 9 October:

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27 and 28 September. No air activity was conducted by ground attack aircraft.

29 September. At about 10 a.m., a twin-engine aircraft crossed over the field. At 11 a.m., a Li-2 landed. In the afternoon, swept-back jet fighters flying in elements of twos repeatedly crossed over the field. [redacted] the fighters were searching the air space.

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30 September. At 10 a.m., a Li-2 took off heading northeast. In the afternoon, Il-10s made local flights while there was a 7/10 overcast. Swept-back jet fighters were again observed crossing over the airfield.

1 October. At 8 a.m., a siren sounded at the field. At 10 a.m., six green ground signals were fired from a radio truck parked at the eastern side of the runway. Subsequently, nine Il-10s taxied to the take-off point and took off in flights heading east. This procedure was repeated by seven ground attack aircraft at 10:30 a.m. The aircraft landed at the field between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At 10:15 a.m., a Po-2 was observed aloft.

2 October. A Li-2 landed at 9:10 a.m. and took off at 9:30 a.m. No additional air activity was observed.

3 to 7 October. No air activity was observed at the field. On 7 October at 10:10 a.m., a Li-2 crossed over the field.

8 October. Twenty-six Il-10s were counted at the field. Between 10:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., local individual flights were made by ground attack aircraft which apparently were being flown by inexperienced pilots. This was inferred by the take-offs and landings which were made without skill.

9 October. During the morning, local flying was apparently again practiced by young pilots. Between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., a Po-2 was observed aloft.<sup>1</sup>

3. The temporary buildings near the AA guns in the northeastern AA gun emplacement had been replaced by tents. [redacted] the tents were the same which formerly had been located in the woods opposite the main guardhouse.<sup>2</sup>

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4. A cartwright had a contract for three snow plows which were to be built after an old model in his workshops. This model snow plow consisted of 3 or 4 wooden planks, about 3 meters long and about 1.5 meters high with a board at the bottom plank. The snow plows could be screwed to the front section of a truck.<sup>3</sup>

5. The smokestack of the Fena Plant which was located half way between Brandis and the airfield was provided with a red obstacle light. This obstacle light was turned on every evening, even when no air activity was conducted.

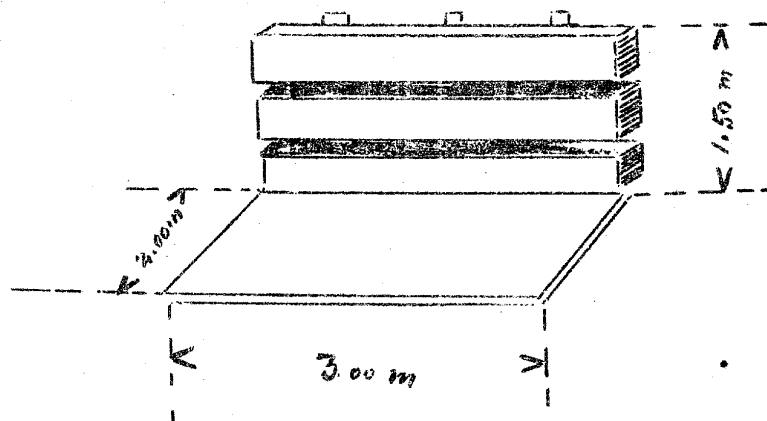
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Snow Plow to be Built for Brandis Airfield






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1.  Comment. Brandis airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment which is believed to be equipped with 35 to 40 Il-10s. Apparently, young pilots made their first solo flights on Il-10s. 25X1
2.  Comment. The AA gun emplacement is known. It is believed to be occupied by six 37-mm AA guns. 25X1
3.  Comment. For sketch of snow plow, see Annex. 25X1

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